

**AGENDA**

**EAST GREENWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007**

**East Greenwich High School Auditorium**

**300 Avenger Drive**

**East Greenwich, RI 02818**

**ANY ITEMS CONSIDERED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY BE  
SUBJECT TO A VOTE**

**7:00p.m. Call to Order**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair William Day at 7:05p.m. The following members were present: JeanAnn Guliano, Susan Records, and Anne Palumbo as well as Superintendent Charles Meyers, Helen O'Hara, and Robert Wilmarth.

**2. Public Comments**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**April 24 and May 1 Regular Meeting and Executive Session**

On a motion made by Mrs. Guliano and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 24 and May 1 regular and Executive Sessions with minor changes to the April 24 minutes.

**4. First Reading of School District Wellness Policy**

Dr. Paul Agatiello stated that the committee chose to introduce the

ideas of the State Health Department and Rhode Island Department of Education into the policy. Food to be shared should be on the approved list. Any changes should take place on September 1. Mrs. Guliano has a concern that parents are being regulated with this policy. Dr. Agatiello feels that regulating the type of food is the committee's attempt to eradicate childhood obesity. He noted that there are always going to be exemptions to the policy for children with IEP's. Our attorney will review the policy and the second reading will be held in June.

#### **5. First Reading of Mental Health Policy**

Mr. Robert Houghtaling stated that his committee is asking the school department to explore new territories recognizing the importance of mental health, and the fact that the world of young people is very different today. He noted that the document is a work in progress. Mr. Houghtaling stated that we may want to look at incorporating smoking and drinking into the mental health policy.

#### **6. Warrant Article Project Update-Bob Wilmarth**

Mr. Wilmarth reported that summer projects are ready to go, and there is approximately \$2 million of warrant money remaining.

#### **7. Bid Award for Eldredge School blinds**

On a motion made by Mrs. Guliano and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the bid for school blinds at Eldredge School in the amount of \$8,845.00.

#### **8. Bid Award for Hanaford School parking**

On a motion made by Mr. Guliano and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the bid for Hanaford parking and site renovations in the amount of \$299,563.00.

#### **9. Discussion of Town Council approval of \$52 million school bond**

Mr. Meyers stated that there have been several meetings with SBS and SMMA and it s felt they can do a very good project for \$52 million. The architects would like to get a good idea of the scope of the job before they complete the design process. It was noted the new RIDE regulations for building projects haven't been approved yet but the application can be submitted when it is ready in the early fall.

#### **10. Out-of-State field trip to Mystic, CT for Meadowbrook students on June 6, 2007**

#### **11. Out-of-State Field trip to Lake Compounce in CT on June 1, 2007 for Cole**

##### **Middle School students**

On a motion made by Mrs. Records and seconded by Mrs. Palumbo the Committee voted unanimously to approve the field trip to Mystic, Ct. and Lake Compounce in CT. It was noted that the trips would be cancelled if the required number of chaperones are not in place.

#### **12. School Committee Concerns**

Mrs. Guliano attended the RIASC Annual Meeting and noted that there was a green building presentation. She stated that there is a less than 1% extra cost to build a green building. At this meeting they also spoke about statewide collaborative purchasing and the State Aid Formula which may or may not be done this year.

**13. Executive Session, R.I.G. L. 42-46-5 (a)(1) (2) Update on Teacher Contract Negotiations, Administrators' Contracts**

**On a motion made by Mrs. Palumbo and seconded by Mrs. Records, the Committee, being polled individually, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:00p.m. for the purposes stated above.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia Giuliani  
Secretary**